

Dear Public Health Committee Members,

I am writing to ask you to OPPOSE S.B. 477, as well as H.B. 5397.

These bills take a very narrow view in addressing gun violence, rather than how to end ALL violence.

I am at odds with the format proposed for an Office of Gun Violence.

The name speaks to the presumption that gun violence, not ALL violence should be the concern.

The fact that data on firearm use, in lawful ways to prevent violence is disregarded in the conversation unless it is negative, is a deficiency.

The fact that subject matter experts on firearms use and training are not included in the structure of the bill is unacceptable.

The fact that the CT Judicial system lets criminal firearm charges be Nolled, as current elected officials push to ADD more gun laws with restrictions on ownership for lawful citizens is ABSURD.

I have said it before in testimony on similar bills when it was relevant, and I must say it again... the race tactic to push gun control or any agenda that removes the civil rights of all people is despicable.

The lack of integrity and inclusion of all sides of issues in the way these bills are constructed and worded is suspect of an anti 2nd Amendment agenda by any means.

The way these bills continue to be pushed in the manner they are written begs questions.

Are these bills of different names with the same means to an end?

Is this more incremental gun control, moving towards elimination of guns from the culture in Connecticut as former Governor Dan Malloy publicly stated his ultimate goal was?

I know the answer, and I hope you do too.

Please OPPOSE S.B 477 and H.B. 5397

Thank you,

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